Export Duty on Coir.

168. **MR. A. G. MENON** (*Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there has been in recent years depression in the coir trade owing to the fall in the price of coir of every variety;

(*b*) the prices of the different varieties of coir at the time when the present export duty was imposed on that commodity and their current prices (9-3-1104);

(*c*) whether it is not a fact that the price varies with the variety of coir sold and that the price of the superior kind of coir is nearly thirty to thirty-three per cent higher than that of the ordinary kind exported from Parur and other places; and

(*d*) whether they are aware that the majority of the poor classes of the coastal taluks live on the profits of coir manufacture?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Apart from the usual market fluctuations there has not been a depression in recent years in the coir trade, nor was there any marked reduction in the price of coir yarn.

(*b*) Prices of the different varieties of coir at the time when the present export duty was imposed are shown below:

Weaving yarn	...	Rs. 10 per cwt.
Anjengo variety	...	Rs. 18½ do.
Aratoray do.	...	Rs. 14½ do.
Alapat do.	...	Rs. 21 do.

Current Prices.

Beach yarn—Rs. 60 to Rs. 65 per candy		(approximately Rs. 10 to Rs. 11 per cwt.)
Vaikam—Rs. 80 to Rs. 90	do.	(approximately Rs. 13 to Rs. 15 per cwt.)
Parur (North)—Rs. 80 to Rs. 100	do.	(approximately Rs. 13 to Rs. 17 per cwt.)
Mangadan—Rs. 80 to Rs. 100	do.	(approximately Rs. 15 to Rs. 17 per cwt.)
Aratoray, Anjengo, Ashtamudi — Rs. 100 to Rs. 125	do.	(approximately Rs. 17 to Rs. 21 per cwt.)
Alapat Rs. 130 to Rs. 140	do.	(approximately Rs. 21½ to Rs. 23 per cwt.)

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes, the coir industry affords a living to many of the poor of the coastal taluks.

Co-operative Societies that received Loans from the Central Co-operative Bank.

169. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing separately the names of the co-operative societies in the State and of the places at which they are working to which loans have

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[Mr. Tariatu Kunjitomman.]

been advanced from the Central Co-operative Bank during the years 1102 and 1103 and the amount given to each ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The information has to be obtained from the Central Co-operative Bank, Ltd. The Government do not propose to address the Bank on this matter. Information about the aggregate number of loans and the amounts thereof for 1102 are however available in the published report of the Co-operative Department for 1102 and those for 1103 are under compilation.

Statement, by caste, of Anchal Masters and Inspectors.

170. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of Brahmins, Nayars, Catholics, Jacobites, Mar Thoma Christians, Protestants, Ezhavas, Mahomedans, Vellalas and members of other communities among the Anchal Masters and Inspectors in the Anchal Department ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The statement * required by the member is laid on the table.

Statement, by caste, of Appointments made in the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries.

171. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing :

(*a*) the number of Brahmins, Nayars, Catholics, Jacobites, Mar Thoma Christians, Protestants, Ezhavas, Mahomedans, Vellalas and members of other communities in the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries in posts carrying a pay of Rs. 25 and over ; and

(*b*) the number of Brahmins, Nayars, Catholics, Jacobites, Mar Thoma Christians, Protestants, Ezhavas, Mahomedans, Vellalas and members of other communities, appointed in the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries during the last five years ending the 10th Kanni 1104 ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The statements§ are laid on the table.

Collection and Sale of Teak Logs from the Neriamangalam Range.

172. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the total quantity in cubic feet of teak logs collected in 1102 and 1103 by the Forest Department through contractors from the lands of the ryots in the Neriamangalam Range ;

(*b*) of this, the quantity in cubic feet, sold till the 30th Chingam 1104 ;

(*c*) the price realised therefrom ; and

(*d*) the average net profit realised per cubic foot after deducting the contractor's share ?

* *Vide* Appendix III—page 337.

§ *Vide* Appendices IV A and IV B—pages 338 and 339

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